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With reference to organic farming in India, consider the following statements: 1. 'The National Programme for Organic Production' (NPOP) is operated under the guidelines and directions of the Union Ministry of Rural Development. 2. 'The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority' (APEDA) functions as the Secretariat for the implementation of NPOP. 3. Sikkim has become India's first fully organic State. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 and 2 only. **APEDA** does serve as the **NPOP** secretariat, but **NPOP** is operated under the **Ministry of Commerce** and Industry, not Rural Development. Statement 1 is false. This option is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) 2 and 3 only. **NPOP**'s secretariat is **APEDA**, and Sikkim was declared India's first fully organic **State (2016)**. Statement 1 names the wrong ministry. Hence 2 and 3. This option is the official key.

(c)

(c) 3 only. Sikkim's status is true, but dropping the correct **APEDA** statement under-counts. This option is not the key.

(d)

(d) 1, 2 and 3. The Rural Development claim knocks out the full set. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 and 3 only. The National Programme for Organic Production sits with the Commerce ministry; **APEDA** is its implementing secretariat. Sikkim completed a statewide organic conversion, the first Indian State to do so. Statement 1 is therefore wrong and statements 2 and 3 are right. That pair is option (b).

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NPOP

National Programme for Organic Production, 2001 onwards

APEDA

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority

Ministry of Commerce

Nodal Union ministry for NPOP

Sikkim 2016

Declared fully organic; UNEP/FAO recognition followed

PGS-India

Participatory Guarantee System under the agriculture ministry, distinct from NPOP exports

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